

Claim Amendments:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A cable tie, comprising:

an elongate metallic strap having a first end~~[[,]] a return loop adjacent the first end~~ and a second end opposite the first end, a hooked portion formed integral with the first end and a return loop connecting the first end to the hooked portion, wherein the return loop includes at least one rib disposed thereon;

a metallic locking head secured to the first end of the strap for receiving the second end of the strap, the head comprising a strap entry face, a strap exit face, and a strap-receiving aperture extending therebetween, the head further comprising a floor and a roof which diverge in the direction of the exit face; and

metallic roller means for lockingly engaging the strap, the head comprising retention means disposed adjacent the exit face for captively holding the roller means within the head,

the roller means being movable between a threading position wherein the roller means is disposed adjacent the exit face and the retention means, and a locking position wherein the roller means is closer to the entry face~~[[,]]~~

~~wherein the first end of the strap comprises at least one rib disposed along the return loop.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The cable tie of claim 7 wherein ~~the first end of the strap comprises two ribs disposed along~~ the return loop includes two ribs disposed thereon.

9. (Original) The cable tie of claim 7 wherein the head further comprises a lead-in portion at the entry face.

10. (Original) The cable tie of claim 7 wherein the strap is coated.

11. (Original) The cable tie of claim 7 wherein the roller means comprises a ball.

12. (Original) The cable tie of claim 7 wherein the retention means comprises a finger extending from the roof adjacent the exit face.

13-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The cable tie of claim 7 wherein the head comprises at least one indentation on a first side thereof.

21. (Previously Presented) The cable tie of claim 20 wherein the head further comprises at least one indentation on a second side thereof.

22. (Previously Presented) The cable tie of claim 20 wherein the head comprises two indentations on the first side thereof.

23. (Previously Presented) The cable tie of claim 21 wherein the head comprises two indentations on the first side thereof.

24. (Previously Presented) The cable tie of claim 22 wherein the head comprises two indentations on the second side thereof.